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UNITED STATE

Internal Rules & Regulations of the U.S. Congress

Arthur Sinclair Esqr Comm.

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General Orders to be observed on board the U.S. Frigate Congress Arthur Sinclair Esq. Commander

Article 1st

The Officers both Commissioned & Warrant of the U.S Frigate Congress under my Command are expected to conform to the established rules of the Navy in every respect

2nd

They are always to appear on deck neatly dressed having particular regard to their established Uniforms

3rd

Commissioned Officers are expected to shew in themselves a good example, & require of all Warrants & petty Officers such a line of

conduct as shall be consistent with etiquette and discipline

4th

Officers are required upon all occasions of duty to exact the most implicit obedience to their orders; but they are to take care that they never give an order to an inferior, but that is strictly within their power to enforce obedience to

5th

The strictest etiquette is to be observed between officers to another when on duty—There is to be no sitting or lounging about the deck; but an officer likely to be early dispatched must always observe, gentlemanly behaviour to every person entitled to such politeness, when coming up from below, or going on or out of the gangway. Officers are not allowed to form in groups about the 2d deck, for the purpose of

holding conversation, or otherwise; as that part of the Deck of War is allways considered a Military Parade.

6th

Whenever the Commander comes on Deck & selects the part of the Lt. Deck on which he chooses to walk, it is expected, that it will be left to him, who may previously have occupied it, & that those passing fore & aft will use the contrary side; The Officer of the deck who may on this occasion be interfered with at sea, will take his station on a Gun, or some other place where he can see to carry on his duty

No person except the Commander will take the weather side of the deck from the Officer of the Watch

7th

The Commanding Officer is to have the crew mustered to quarters every night a little before Sunset, in order that the quarters may be cleared, & the people kept sober, & to see that they are not suffered to spend the night in wet cloaths should they have been exposed during the day; after this examination, each officer commanding a Division is to make a report in person to the 1st Lieut. of his Division being clear, & every thing appertaining to them in complete Order.

8th

The Guns are to be exercised at least two days in a week, & (if the service of the ship will admit) not less than one hour will be spent in this exercise, during which time the Boatswain & Foremen will be practised. Two minutes is the longest time allowed

any man to remain to his quarters after the first Boatswain's call, or beat of drum, when at Quarters the strictest silence is to be observed & the officers commanding at each Division is to be attentive that his men are properly arranged & that the orders given are executed with exactness & exactness

9th "

Monday's a portion of the crew are to be exercised with small Arms - The Sergeant of Marines under the inspection of the 1st Lieut. is to carry them through the different evolutions, & those men who are found particularly awkward, are to be exercised every day 'till made perfect

10th

It is my wish that the officers shall particularize & encourage such men as are meritorious from those of a different description in order that the one may find his merit rewarded, while the other may not go unpunished, cleanliness, politeness & activity when on duty are characteristics of a good Sailor

11th

Discipline & good management of a ship of War can only be preserved by a steady & constant attention of the officers to what is carrying on - if therefore I hear that the Officers of the Ariel will not suffer the most trifling thing to be carried on with sloth or

12th

Inadvertence

Officers are positively forbid to strike a man, but for trifling offences, such as mistimes, meer want of activity also, or

attention on Deck the Officer carrying on duty
is sufficient to make a Bird awake must
punish the offender with a cat, not ex-
-ceeding Six dozen stripes, swearing or
obscene language is positively forbidden
among the crew, & as little swearing as
possible with the officer carrying on duty
in fact a prompt obedience is at all
times exactly them, there will be no
necessity of resorting to the evil practice
of swearing. It is also required that
the officers make themselves acquainted as
early as possible with the men, in order
that they may be addressed by their proper
names, in carrying on duty as the
epithet, You Sir is particularly
disagreeable & Unofficer like

The Officers of the watch is to avoid as much as possible the calling all hands assistance but when the watch is incapable of carrying on the duty, all hands consequently required it is expected that every person belonging to the Ship will be on deck in five Minutes after the first call, each one attending particularly to the Station assigned them — No man to leave the deck until the duty is completed & the 1st Lieut given orders to dismiss them & the watch is but the Officer of the watch is to send a Midshipman down to see that the men do not turn in with their wet clothes on.

14th

The officer having charge of the deck is never to leave it at sea or in Port on any pretence whatever without being regularly relieved by one authorized to do so & he is then to report to him all the instructions he may have received from me before he goes below

15th

The indulgence of going on shore will be granted only to such men, as distinguish themselves by sobriety, cleanliness, & general observance of the orders of their officers but never more than 25 men are allowed to be on shore on liberty at one time & those by the permission of the Port Captain on which subject he will receive instructions from me & he will see that

they are neatly dressed, & particularly cautioned to be on board by the hour prescribed.
Women to come on board by any persons only

16th

Breakfast to be ready at 8 o'Clock &
dinner at 12 o'Clock in Summer & at 9 & 1
in Winter allowing 1 hour for each meal
after which the hands are to be turned to
& the decks swept up. The cook is to
report Dinner ready at the stated
hours, bringing each time a part of
what is cooked, that the Officer of
the deck may see that it is cooked
clean & clean.

17th

The Steward is to mix the grog two thirds water, & report it ready allowed at dinner time, & from 6 o'clock in the evening to the Officer of the deck, who will have it served at those hours exactly found it, but in cold wet weather, the 12 o'clock allowance may be given at 8 o'clock in the Morning.

Pockets	Blue Jackets	Petty Officers	Blue Trowsers	Shirts	Stockings	Pair Shoes	Hats	Frocks	Waistcoats	Duck Trowsers	Flannels	Neckerchiefs	Hammocks
1	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2

18th

Every man on board is expected to furnish

himself with the above mentioned quantity & quality of clothing, & it is the duty of each officer of a division to keep a correct list of his men's clothing, examining them once each Saturday, & making those who are deficient account for their loss, & to see they are properly washed & dried each piece of clothing to keep the number of the owner's hammock on it;

19th

Should complaint be made at any time of the loss of any person's clothes or other property, the officer to whom complaint is made, is to have all hands mustered on deck, & after searching each man's bag he

is to go below & examine their berths, & in case he should detect the thief he is to secure him in irons & report the same to me, as early as he sobe, nor can flannel shirts are allowed & to be worn

20th

Whereas a man commits a fault deserving to deserve confinement & regular punishment he is to be reported home & in case of my absence to the 1st Lieut. or commanding officer, who is to report to me on my arrival, as no officer is allowed to strike or whip a man, without acquainting me first with his fault

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Washing to be done every Tuesday in Winter
& Tuesdays & Fridays in Summer weather
permitting, & the changing days are Thursdays
& Sundays when officers of Revision are
attend to it, The washing to commence at
daylight & end in time to cleanse the Deck
before breakfast, in harbour the clothes
are to be hung up by lines between the
fore & main riggin, & at sea on the cuddy
of the cabbins & always before
eleven before Sunday, muster when
they are to be examined by the 1st Lieut
& if not thoroughly dry, they are to be
hung up again next day & if not

well as the ocean to be permitted through
one; each man is allowed to take account his
cloathes, under pain of seven days, & should he
be absent on duty his messmates are held
responsible for them, & cloathes to hang
about, other than washing days

22nd "

after the duty of washing & cleaning the
Vessel inside & out, is compleat the Boatswain
is to attend in the Boat alongside the yard
see nothing is throwing overboard, & that
all ropes are hauld taut, & after Breakfast
parties are sent on the decks are clean enough
the ropes is to be flemished coild, & the
decks swept down

The Officer of the Deck is to turn out the Watch upon
coming on deck at the usual hours, to clean
lights & Fires, call all at 8 o'Clock in Winter,
& 9 in Summer, except the watch to whom
lights are ordered, & officers, lights the
latter of which are allowed to burn till 10
o'Clock, in the Master's discretion. The Deck
is not to be washed
at 8 o'Clock, & report the same to the
Officer of the Watch, who is to see that the
Decks are kept clean.

24th

The Officers are required to prevent the
men from working in their best clothes
When employed on working parties
they are to see that they have off their
shoes & stockings & tuck up their

However they may be dry & comfortable
often the duty is performed

25 lbs

No alteration is to made in the 2d Bill mentd
Rolls in procession, allowance without my
knowledge 20 lbs

There is to be one meeting below the gun deck
when the weather will not suffer it above
the crew will be divided into messes of
8 in number, & no alteration to be made
in any mess, but at the end of a Month
if the seven members to change messes
must agree, a good reason for such
a wish

The crew is to be mustered every Sunday at
½ past 10 o'Clock when the 1st Lieut is to
see that every man is clean in his Cloaths
& Person hair & shoes clean & cloaths clean
ly brushed & whole, as no ragged cloaths
are allowed at any time, also if any
what ever to be absent from his
quarters, when all hands are called
for this purpose they are to repair
to the Q.r Deck Ports, there shall off
when passing the Line of Officers who
inspect them, all the Petty Officers
to draw up in a Line together
in the Starb.d Gangway through which
Line the men must pass for inspection
The Marines in the waist Division

Arms with an Pot to when they & their names are to be examined by the Name officer & myself — The articles of war to be read the 1st Sunday in every month by my clerk

28th

Every mans cloathes who dies & who shall desert are to be given in charge of the Bursers Steward he paying a Receipt to the 1st Lieut for the same

29th

The 1st Boatswains mate is to have a bag made & marked for the purpose of holding all cloathes which may be carelessly laying about the decks Chests & for which no owners can be found but when such persons can

be detected their cloathes are to be allowed
to their selves pursuant to the Rule of such cloathes
as there will be made every Month by the
proffits arising therefrom to be laid out
in good cloathes, or made drest & then
divided among the most deserving of
the men agreeable to the judgment of
the 1st Lieut.

30th

Such Cloth as is not wanted for the
use, could be hired out & drawn under
the Masters charge & when there shall be
a sufficient quantity to make sale of
the Master shall dispose of it to the best
advantage & the money arising from it
shall be disposed of as the commander

shall direct the work always coming in for
a Portion, the other devoted among boats
crew in the purchase of these extra uniform
clothing & for the purchase of instruments
of Music for a band &c.
31st

The signal book to be kept in the cabin, & no
person to enter in but a Commissioned or warrant
Officer, the 2d Master is at all times to keep
a good look out upon the Commander's ship &
report to the Officer of the deck any signal
which may be made & while he is preparing to answer it obey each item to be made
acquainted with its meaning.

32nd

Each mess to have a cook appointed out of the number who is held responsible for one week for the cleanliness of their births & cooking utensils & none but such as are attached to Boats in Portsmouth be exempt

33rd

The Wind sails are to be kept hoisted & trimmed to the wind when in dry & warm weather & the carpenter is to set it in fresh water every morning after pumping the Vessel in order to keep her as sweet as possible

34th

. to boat is passed to come alongside or leave the Vessel with out the leave of the officer of the deck or mate.

to come alongside after dark & none of our own boats to be out after Guns fire but by special permission

35 Hs

No person is to leave the Ship without the permission of the 1st Lieut in my absence the 1st Lieut to be on board as little as possible himself, but never when the Officer next in rank to himself is absent, all Officers to be on board by 10 Oclock No one else will be received from on shore after eight oclock my special permission & those who have charge of a watch are always expected to be off in time to hoist

Boatswains of boats are to be punctually obeyed by their boat crew & they are considered responsible for any accident, that may happen to their boats while under their charge & they are never without permission of the Commd Officer to suffer any man to leave the boat or carry any thing on shore or on board -

The Officer of the deck is to be particularly careful that the boats are kept clear from thumping or rubbing against the Vessel or each other & to be always over the fenders are always to be kept on

Boats always to be moored as low or to the swinging Boom

37th

The Office of the Clerk is positively to be
to sit down, or hold Conversation with any
person, or use any other means by which his
attention may be taken from his duty
When under way he is to keep the weather
side of the deck with his trumpet in his
hand, ready to give his orders strictly
attending particularly to the Trim of his
Sails, his course, & the gen[l] Conduct of the
Vessel, & is always stationed at the
Halyards of Abaft

38th

Should any person come on board as a
Visitor he is to have the Deference and
Civility such Visitors are entitled to, & received
by the Officer of the Deck as shewn below

by a Midn. shall a his business be with me, Sam first to be a witness of his work to see me by an officer sent for the Cutter for that purpose; but that is to be no hailing down the Gangway or Skylight Sam allowed to be informed when a Comm. Officer is coming alongside

30th

In case of an alarm being given of fire the Drummer to immediately to beat his Quarters & the Sheriff & Serjeants to be observed by both Officers & Men each of whom are to be furnished with a Bucket & to wait at their Guns & return the orders of the Comm. Officers

40th

No person is to enter the Vessel otherwise than through the Gangways or over the Gunwale and no dirt is to be thrown overboard or otherwise put of the Ballast boxes broken or is to be lowered down in a dirt tub & cast over by a tripping line

41st

Segars are positively forbidden to be smoked in any other part of the vessel than the Cabbin

42nd

When in Port the centinels are to discharge their Muskquets at 8 O'Clock in Winter & 9 O'Clock in Summer at which hours & the first roll call for the revellie in the morning & between the hours of seven in the evening & that time the Centinels are to cry aloud

"All's Well"

Whenever the Bells strike

The men hammocks are to be piped up every morning in dry weather at 7 Bells (Seven) according to their Number & down at Sunset unless a change of Weather should cause it to be done Sooner. The Hammocks are to be stow'd in the nettings & the Capt. of the Forecastle, Gunner, crew, & Ds. Master, made responsible for their being kept properly arranged & to have every one be received & which is not neatly lashed down or kept & otherwise thrown out the Ship

44th

Decks to be cleaned three times a week with Stones & Sand when the weather

allowing of it being done, but the 1st Lieut will arrange it, so as not to interfere with the working days & it would in that case take up the whole time from 12 to 12 in the forenoon 4 hours

4 hrs

In case of difference producing a contest among the Officers, which I confidently hope & believe will never occur on board this ship the 1st Lieut is to exercise his authority immediately & in a decisive way to put a stop to it before it arises to that height which might be productive of disagreeable or fatal consequences

First Lieutenant

The first Lieutenant of a well regulated Ship of War is an office of the highest trust & great responsibility, He is to a Ship as the Main Spring is to a time piece & unless he be capable, & does his duty to the fullest extent, the whole Machine will go wrong & to prevent it the Commander must return to those duty he has in his turn performed & instead of his having his mind alone occupied with the high & important duties of his station, he must be tortured with the detail of his Ship, the first Lieut cannot perform his duty with out great exertion & labour & unless he practices much system & infinite regularity & attention

he will not only be amply employed, but his life will be stretch'd out, I perfectly recollect when holding that character, that although I used, every possible system, and attention & practised every economy of time, I was ever usefully engaged & never was in bed after daylight or before it at night; was always first at the helm, all hands was called, & the last who left the deck, when they were piped down, & frequently spent the whole six months without quelling the inside of the ship, except to wash round the yarns, the Stands of the mast &c. Thus conscious of having done my duty

in that Station, by which my Command is free from any but his own immediate duty as a Commander, I feel that I have a right to expect it from those who are placed in the same situation under my Command; Therefore the following duty is required of the 1st Lieut of this Ship He keeps no watch but is expected to be up at daylight in the morning, except when he has been call'd out & much disturbed in the proceeding night He is to have the general cleaning of the ship & the arranging all the work for the day he is expected to receive the orders Every

board day or night, that I may be readily informed of every thing in his department & pass to him such orders as are necessary. He is to make out & keep in order all the Quarter Stations & Watch Bills, to see that they are neatly executed pasted on boards & hung up at the Cabin, Bulkhead & that all the Young Officers are furnished with true Copies of them & also with the written internal Regulations of the Ship. He is to see that both the Gun & Spar Decks are washed & dry swabbed, the Port sills, Gun carriages, Gratings, Brass work, & the outside

of the Ship (when in Port) with the
Channels, Ties, Coops & every part
above the Berth deck properly cleaned
& in order by 8 o'Clock, when he is to see that they are
all ready made up, & their Hammocks, no
bedding or anything else taken out of them
& that the Masters & others employed
about them do it exactly according
to number & that they do not waste
a minute for any person's Hammock
This done & the yards squared & ropes
hauled taut, Beat to Quarters (if in Port)
he will be in readiness for breakfast at
the usual hours. On washing days he

I must attend to that also, Hammocks
as well as Cloathes, Remove, examine
every part of the Ship frequently thro
=ughout the day & see that the Birth
Deck, Store Room's, Mess Utensils, Cable
Tiers &c. are clear & in proper order for
any examination at 11 o'Clock A.M.
& that they are kept so afterwards
I will attentive that not one of my
Orders or regulations are infringed in
the slightest degree by any person
on board, I will keep the Ship at
all times ready for action, or any
any service required of a Ship of War

as he will be considered as responsible
for any defect not reported to the Commander
He is to keep the keys of all the Storehouses
Cisterns &c, except those of the Magazine
of Powder & Surgeon's Stores suffers nothing
to be issued out of those Rooms but by
his written orders & he is to have week-
ly returns made to him of all expendi-
ture, & once a Month they is to shew me
in a general expenditure Book what
has been received, expended & what
remains in hand, Every article go-
ing out or coming in the Ships must
be noted down by my Clerk under

his superintendence — He is to see that
the Master Boatswain Gunner Carpenter
& all day officers are called out when
he is, & that the Master, Boatswain
& Carpenter go aloft on every mast, &
report the state of every thing in their
departments, each of which he must occasion-
ally inspect himself. He is to make
an evening report to her the state
of the state of every thing relating to
the Guns, & general arrangment of the
Ship, whenever all hands are called, &
the Captain does not take the trumpet
he is to see & see that every Officer & man

is on his proper station, & that the duty to be performed is carried on with celerity & in a seaman like manner, & all other officers are required to give him every aid in their power to facilitate the duty carrying on. All Boys & Sailors are to muster under his inspection at 7 Bells every morning when he is to see that they are washed clean, heads combed & otherwise neatly dressed. Officers of boats & Tenders bringing stores on board are to bring both a list of every article & unless the receipt of the Clerk agrees with the list Sam.l to be informed of it. When the Store

are distributed to the officers who have charge of them, they are to give the 1st Lieut. a receipt which being filed & the articles entered in the Expenditure & Receipt Book, holds each one responsible

The Second Lieutenant

Will perform all the duties of the first when he is absent either by leave or otherwise he will therefore make himself acquainted with every particular relating to it; as from the circumstance of the 1st & 2d Lieuts never being out of the Ship at the same time much will be expected from the latter

Officers of the Watch

The Officer of the Watch is to wait on the at 8 o'Clock P.M. for his instructions during the night, which are particularly to be given to the others in succession, as they may relieve each other. Before he takes the deck he must inform himself of every particular as relates to the Ships Position, of in company with others the sail it requires to keep her under, State of the Weather & Wind & the orders of the Comm.r He must then go immediately round & see what Sail is on the Ship & have everything properly set & trimmed, The course is not to be altered but in cases of danger without consulting my knowledge Sail is not to be

increased with any order, or reduced but in case of squalls or other circumstances render it indispensable; without informing me, unless the state of the weather induces me to conduct the Officer of the first watch otherwise, Officer of the morning watch to be prepared to make sail at Daylight, whenever the weather will admit of it & as soon as he can see, he is to have home all his sheets hoist the sails taut up & trim, every thing properly, handing every thing taut & seeing that nothing is towing overboard He will send down & call the 1st Lieut.

& the other Officers who keep the watch &
inform him, how the Weather is, how the ship
heads & how fast going - He is not to allow
the Midshipman or Men to leave the deck
until the Watch is regularly relieved
He is not to hold conversation with any
Person, or is he to allow others unduly to do
so - Fire is to be no talking or lounging about
the Deck The Commander is to be informed
of any Strange Sail which may be seen
in sight, & of any material change of Weather
or Wind, He is to have Lookouts on each Cat
head, in each Waist & on each Quarter, at
Night, under charge of attentive Midshipmen
He is frequently to see that they do their

duty. He is to have men always on the look out aloft in the day. He is not to allow the men to sleep about the Decks, or after being Wet to turn in, in their Wet clothes but always to attend to send a Midshipman down to see them Cloths changed & to do all in his power to add to their comforts & health. In good weather the men at the Weather Wheel, & the Qr. Master always clean & dress us every little regulation of the Fine adds to the Military appearance of a Ships Deck, Have always by the Sheets & Halyards & Squally Weather by every necessary rope which must be Coiled along.

the deck, The State of the Ship to be reported to him hourly by a Midshipman sent round for the purpose & the Quantity of Water in the Well, by the Carpenter Mate every hour in Port & each Watch at Sea.

When the Dr. Gunner is to report the State of all the Guns &c. No Boat to leave the Ship without his knowledge or any to come along side without being reported to him, Boats never to lay thro-mpping along side but to be moored to the Booms or astern Jam to be informed when a Commander comes along side — He is to be extreamly particular that no

liquor is brought on board or any thing
smuggled from the Ship, He is frequently
to have his Watch Mustered while on Deck
& suffer none to leave it, but by his
permission, When all Hands are to be
call'd he is to give timely notice to the
1st Lieut & all other Officers, every one
of whome are to be on Deck, & at their
Stations, Every Officer is to endeavour
to carry on duty as much alike as poss
=ible as nothing contributes more to
facilitate the Management of a Ship
than the men being allways work=
=ed in the same way by each
Officer he must be very particular
in attending to the Log, & after

Marking the Plate himself, sign his name to it, & inquire respecting the Commanders coming in Dock which be attended to as pointed out, in Article 5th in the General instructions; —

Junior Lieutenant

To attend particularly to the exercise of the Small Arms agreable to Article the 9th. He is to attend that all the Small arms & accoutrements are kept in readiness for Service & in prime order for inspection, & to make a monthly report to me of their State. He is to take Charge of all the Colours & Signals & see that they are at hand

For good Order, The Sea Lieutenants Master, Masters, Mate, & Midshipman are to send me in the morning of their observation, & days work, with the Bearings & Distance of the nearest Land & each Officer is expected to keep a regular Journal of the Ships Way, occurances, remarks, and Nautical observations that at any future time he may refer to it for information

The Masters

is considered as a day Officer & must be early up in the Morning attending to the general duty of the Ship. He is required to pay particular attention to the Stowage of the Ships hold from the Kenledge to the wood, & that her trim, is as much as possible preserved, which he is carefully to note when leaving Port & every opportunity afterwards. He is to see that the Ship is kept as light as possible in her extreames, The Decks kept clear & clean, the Cable, cleared & Coiled before coiling away Hawsers & Hausers, when clear, He is to attend to the receipts & expenditure of —

Succession of Water, noteing the same in his
Log Book & with his reckoning daily send
me the Quantity of Water expended & on
hand, He will attend to the ancient
their Stowage see that the Ship is
& keep clean & that the Cattle are properly
preserved by Service wounding &c &c He is
to attend particularly & see that the
Buggin is properly set up & the Mast up
right Stayed & Shrouded & in setting on deck
he will see the Ropes clapped on the Cleats
Belts & Bitts, He will keep the Keys
of the Spirit Room, which will never
be opened but by his knowledge & a

lights is never to go in it, the most careful Mate is to attend, & to be the first in & the last out of the Room whenever it is opened He will go aloft every Morning & examine everything with the Boatswain & report the same to the 1st Lieut He will keep his Log Book in neat order & bring it in for my examination every Sunday forenoon & whenever a Lunar Obs can be taken, he is to be present & note in the result of the work. ——

When he goes out of the Ship he will leave his Keys with the 1st or 2d Lieut one of whome will always be on board ——

He is frequently to examine the Provision Casks & if necessary fill up or renew the Pickle or Package

The Surgeon

or his Mate must allways be on board He is to attend in Person to the Sick & see that every aid & comfort is offered them that their birth place is kept clean & properly ventilated & when necessary fumigated He is to see that all Medicines required are procured of the best & newest design &c until he has read the articles & sees that the charges are not to high as it can not be expected that the Captain can judge of such articles

He is to provide of the best in the Hospital Depositary & see that every thing is properly stored & that nothing is issued out but by his order & under the immediate eye of his Mate He is to keep the Keys of the store room & a regular expenditure Book on a/c of which he is to render to me every Month he will suggest to the Commander any improvement which may tend to promote health should he want additional attendance on the Sick he will require it of the Surgeon & he is particularly desired to have all sick mens Hammocks & Bedding kept clean & aired every possible opportunity He will examine the Boilers occasionally

himself & require one of his mates to see it
every day & report them in clean wholesome
order to the 1st Lieut & should they be
found otherwise the 1st Lieut must be
informed of it. He must be present
allways when punishment is going
on, that he may give an opinion if
required, as to the extent it can be
carried without endangering life
A Report of sick with their diseases &c
to be made in writing every day at 10 o'
A.M. to the Commander & his mate is
to leave one in the Binnacle for the
information of the Officer of the Watch

The Purser's

Will attend particularly to the Victualling of the Ship, see that nothing is wanted & that all is of good quality, He is to be particular in providing clothing, such as is prescribed in the orders Book & to buy them in of good Quality & in the best terms, He will see that his Steward keeps his Room clean & that he does justice in issuing to the Crew, Ships will be visited once a Month when application is to be made to the Commander for orders to that effect. When provision is low & he is to apply in writing to the Commander for an order to have them surveyed & he is to make one a weekly report of provisions expended

of what remains on board & the time it will last, Small Stores will be served out by my order; All money wanted for the ships use is to come through a requisition signed by me & on foreign service the Bill must be drawn by me, & he is to require such sums as he may from time to time want for the Expences of the Ship &c.

The Boatswain, Gunner, Sail Maker & Carpenter are considered as Officers & are to be out early in the Morning attending to their different Departments All of them are responsible for the cleanliness & neat arrangement of their different Store Rooms

The Boatswain

Is responsible for every thing on the Forecastle & for the proper arrangement of every thing appertaining to it, He is to see that the Cap[s] of the Forecastle stow their hammocks neatly & squarely to their Numbers & is to go aloft every morning fore & aft with the Master & see that every thing is in order & nothing liable to chafe & make his report to the Master of any thing he may discover out of the way, he is to attend hoisting in & out the boats Squaring the yards, hauling taut the Riggin &c

The Carpenters

Is to attend to the stowing of the Spare
cleaning the Ships outside, & to the grating
& timbering every morning; He will go aloft
& examine all the Spars, Tops, caps, Trusses
Trees &c &c & report any thing defective or
wanting to the 1st Lieut, he is to see the
Pumps always in good order & when called
to Quarters to rig & attend to them
particularly & be cool on the alert in
Action & have suspended cart Shot
Plugs for stopping Shot holes &c &c
reporting to the Commander any
increase of Water made by the Ship

The Suit. Makers

Is to be extremely attentive to the keeping the Sails in good order & in perfect readiness to take to the Yards, or for bending to their Anchors that the Rigging are dry & free from rats & Mice

The Gunners

To attend to cleaning & keeping his Guns, Carriages Port-bills, Squaring his Guns in the Port & see that they are properly tompioned, Tenlocked & pullyed That the locks, Matches, Tubes, & every thing appertaining to the Guns are in order for action The Magazine, particularly, must be the great object of his attention, to see every thing must be dry & in prime order for action, 50 Barrels of Powder in both Magazine must be allways kept full & which Cylinders must be turned every hour, the Magazine passage never to be opened but by my permission & the 1st Lieut, allways to be present except at 2 to for action, he is then to use every precaution for safety & to see the Guns well supplied agreable to such Instructions as he

may receive from the Dr Deck, nothing but
Metal is ever to enter the passages of the Magazine
not even a button on his cloathes, & those always
to be left off when entering it, so that even to
be received without passing through a proper
former & every Gunner is to undergo the same
precautions before stowing them away, He is to
attend to the Stowage of the Boat Hammocks
& to see that they are properly made up & in
good order & report all Numbers that are not
so, All those Officers are held responsible
for the Stores they receive & are never to expend
any without a Written order from the 1st Lieut or
Commdg Officer & regular weekly returns are to be
made to him for all expenditures, made by them accom
panied with the orders he issued for drawing them

Midshipmen

Are a class of Officers who can have no distinct duty assigned them, they are to attend to all orders given them by their Superiors & to be over on the alert in the performance of them they are required to keep regular Journals with the Ships Reckoning which they are to give in to me on the 1st & 15 of every Mo. & their days work every day before 2 P.M. or as soon after their watch is out as possible they are to be furnished with a Quadrant & Prospective Navigators Book & are to take the Sun every day & work it in their own observation with their days work, they are never to leave the deck but by permission of the Officer of the Watch & not to go below

un til regularly relieved & the Watch piped down, The Six Senior Midshipmen are to have charge of the berth Deck two Mn. each & are held responsible for the cleanliness & neat arrangement of that & the Store Rooms, as this is a highly responsible duty as respects the health & comfort of the Crew & the neat arrangement of a Ship of War, there is none in which a Midn. can have a better opportunity of shewing his talents for order & arrangement, during the Period he has charge of that deck, he is to be exempt from all other duty, Midshipmen having charge of boats are never to leave them, or suffer one of the men to do so, or to allow any thing to be brought off or carried on shore, by the Men, unless ordered by a Superior

Officer, His boat is to be kept free from rubbish
& thumping & the Men not suffered to touch
a drop of Spirits while in the boats, or when they
on shore or along side a Ship to suffer the
Men to be insubordinate in any way & they
are held responsible for all desertions from
their Boats & will be severely dealt
with should they suffer any Every Officer
is to keep a Copy of the Internal regulations
of the Ship & frequently read them over
so that he becomes intimately acquainted
with them, they are to keep regular watch,
Dr & Station bills & list of the Men clothes
belonging to their Divisions & to know what things are
in best & may tend to promote the good order

discipline of the Ships. They are positively forbid to strike or abuse men, but when they have just cause of complaint they will make it known to the Offrs of the Deck who will judge of the offence & punishment Sum proper to be inflicted. Officers of this description are generally composed of those who have been bred as Gentlemen & whose morals & education have been formed & attended to as such Possessing these advantages & with that of good example to lead them, & having devoted themselves to a service which has made itself permanent & respectable by the institution, exertions of its Older Officers & will now no doubt, rapidly increase

with the resources of the Nation it is most confidently hoped that Gentlemen of this description will pride themselves in supporting the dignity of a character which has been acquired & maintained by great exertions & at the expence of some of the best blood of the Nation & that they will studiously to acquire such information as their profession will enable them to fill the high Stations to which all are aspiring & which Shall all will at some future time occupy with equal honour to themselves & Country & while cherishing the Cord to preserve & the hope of recovering the Constitution of this Country they will studiously avoid all dissolute & immoral practices & associates & unless they can be introduced into the best

Society of Places they may visit, which will be
my pride to promote, I flatter myself they will
find sufficient resources within themselves
to prevent even the least of approaching any
other Pursuing this course of conduct they will
meet my approbation, consequently my influence
for their advancement, while I must be candid
to say, that the Contrary, will not only produce
an opposite effect but I shall dispence them from
my Command; as I am determined that the
high trust reposed in me, in the rearing of Officers
& the regulation of these Corps which I have been laboring
twenty years to acquire, shall not be violated
or tarnished by those who have no regard
for themselves

Fire

In continuation of Art 39th

The Gunner & 2d Lieut are to visit the place where the fire is situated & make immediate report to the Capt. The Junior Lieut is to see the Cocks in the Main Hold is fill'd & the Berth Deck Deck ready to assist in passing to the Hold wait for orders the Mate man to form in both Gangways with Buckets full & both Coolers & then wait for orders Engine to be fill'd rigg'd & ready, Carpenter to rig & fetch the Pumps, Boatswain & Sail Maker to examine the Store Rooms, the Gunner to repair to the Scuttle of the Main Magazine & unlock the same but not open it without orders, he is however to wait at this Station in readiness to fill the Magazine with water if he should

receive such orders from the 2d Deck The Gunners Mates stationed in the fore Magazine & at the same time to repair to the F. Magazine Scuttle on the Berth deck which he is to unlock, but not open on any account, unless he shall receive orders, to destroy the Powder in the F. Magazine in which case he is to effect the same by the Means which will be supplied from the Berth, The Marines, are to be drawn up on the 2d Deck with Muskets loaded & Bayonets fixed & no person to leave his Quarters, without orders, on pain of immediate & severest punishment & every possible precaution, made to prevent noise and Confusion

Quarters for Action

in Continuation of Article 7th

When the Crew are mustered to Quarters the Officers of Divisions ~~the Officers of Divisions~~ are to see that all their men are present & Sober & that every thing is in perfect order for action, which they are to report to the Commanding Officer, & in case any mismanagement every exertion must be made to prevent unnecessary noise & confusion & the strictest attention given to orders from the Qr Deck, the Carpenters to see the Pumps Rigg'd, to Sound the pumps well often & should he discover an unusual quantity of Water in the Well, he will report immediately the same to the Commanding Officer

Marines

In Port the Marines are to be excused from Watch & all Ordinary Ships duty unless otherwise particularly directed by the Comm.g Offic.r they are to be excused as often as the Weather & the duty of the Ship will permit which the Comm.g Offic.r will determine. In Port the Guard is always to be dressed & Paraded ½ an hour before the Colours are hoisted in the Morning & kept ready for the reception of Officers & other duty until Sunset. The Comm.g Offic.r of Marines will be held responsible for the good order of their Arms & Accoutrements, their Mess Places, Utensils, & for their clean & Soldier like appearance when on Guard, All Sentinals & the

Guards are allways to be considered under the particular direction of the Marine Officer, nor are they to be punished by the Sea Officers - Should their conduct render it necessary, the 1st Lieut or Officer of the Deck can order them relieved & confined making immediate report to the Marine Officer & the Comm. Officer of the Ship, When at sea they are to be regularly watched, & wherever Watch are considered under the immediate orders of the Officer of the Watch in the same manner as the Seamen. The same power to punish the Marines is given to the Marine Officer, as is given to the Sea Lieut's over

the Crew the Comm.d Marine Officer will report daily the Situation of his Detachment

The foregoing regulations given from under my hand on board the Ne. States Frigate Congress this 21st Day of December in the Year of Our Lord 1778 from which time they are to be in full force & effect

Signed J. Sinclair

Internal Regulations

of the

U.S Frigate CONSTITUTION

Jacob Jones Esqr.

Commander.

U. S. Ship Constitution

Gentlemen,

The advantages arising to the Service from the observance of good order & discipline on board the Ship I have the honor to command, will no doubt be sufficient inducement to you all to give me that necessary assistance & support in your respective stations which your duties require.

When I inform you how large a share of Prize Money will accrue to you individually & collectively, I feel confident that nothing will be wanting on your parts to obtain the desired object. Under that impression, I offer for your observance the following Regulations & expect your conformity thereto, as they are published for your benefit & which must be those we shall be enabled to fulfill the duties of our Stations with Facility, Propriety & Ease.

Whilst I trust with confidence to your
ability and dispositions to perform the duties
assigned you I wish to assure you that
nothing will be wanting on my part to
enable you to execute what is required
which my duty and publicity demands

I have the Honor
To be Respectfully
Gentlemen
Your obed.t Servt.

To the Officers of the Jno Wilkes Booth
U. S. Ship Constitution

Regulations.

Art 1st The time by the Glass must regularly be attended to, & the Bell at the call of the Quarter-Master from the Sea Gang-way must be struck every half hour, eight times every four hours.

2nd. The Log to be hove at six every hour and the Set of Sail, Courses, Winds, & occurrences marked on the board.

3rd. A good lookout to be kept at all times. & the Quarter-deck is never to be left without One Lieutenant, One Midshipman and One Quarter-Master.

4th. The Pumps are to be sounded by the Carpenter of the Watch every two hours, or oftener if necessary, and the Ship kept quite dry when ever there are twelve inches more water in the Well than the pumps suck at ——

Art 5th Observe a Vessel or Vessels of any discription whatever by night or day & must be immediately informed.

" 6th Every Superior Officer is to look upon him for any impropriety he may see or hear of their Commanding Officer Wilfully or ignorantly.

" 7th The Officers of the Watch will be very attentive in seeing the sails properly trimed. see that no ropes are leaving unbelayed & that the weather braces are well tayed and the Lee a little slack.

" 8th The Weather side of the Quarter-deck is reserved for the walk of the Commanding Officer of the Watch, where he is to be uninterrupted & converse with no one unless

" 9th The Officers are to be regularly at the Helm every evening by the Watch; the Quarter Deck is to be kept clear of hammocks & dirt; the ropes neatly coiled or hung upon the Pins

Oct. 10th No person is to be struck upon the Quarter deck or improper language used thereon, good usage is directed to be strictly observed to those who merit it, and those who do not shall be punished as I may think proper.

" 11th The Warrant & Petty Officers together with the Seamen and Marines are to breakfast at 8 O'Clock and to have their Dinner ready at 12. One hour is allowed them for each meal, the Common duty in which all hands are employed is to be concluded at 4 O'Clock Pm. each day.

" 12th The Salt Meats agreable to the Acts of Congress are to be delivered out every Evening before Sun down to the Cook, who is to be accountable for it & have the same well washed & soaked by changing the water at 4 Stages each day.

" 13th The Flour, Peas, & other Provisions are to be served out every morning in due time for the Cook. The Men to be

14th

Served out twice a day at 12 o'Clock. Cut a water-butt of water to be kept filled for the use of the ships Company and special care to be taken that no water is wasted

" 14th The sails when ordered, are always to be ready for the Yards aboard. The Anchorage & every rope hauled taught. Decks & sides to be kept clear & clean.

" 15th Officers on all occasions are to encourage and pointedly distinguish those persons who are alert, active & obedient from those of a different character in order that the deserving may see their merits are not disregarded as well as the endeavouring made sensible of the vigilance of the Officers and the advantages arising from good & respectful Conduct. It is expected that the officers of the Ships will not suffer the most trifling thing under them to be executed with indifference.

Oct. 16th Blasphemy Unchastity & all Species of Obscenity or Immorality are forbidden and it is hoped that the Officers of every denomination will upon all occasions discountenance & discourage so disgraceful a practice among the Men.

17th Stores or other articles not to be Received on board without a Boat Bill and Receipts being given for them by the Officer to whose Department they may belong Countersigned by the Commanding Officer on board.

18th The Captains Clerk is to be present on the Receipt of every Store &c & take an account of them as they come on board.

19th There is at no time [illegible] upon [illegible] to be seen [illegible] on board of the Ships about [illegible] from the Ship

Wed: 20th The First Lieutenant will regulate the time of absence to Sea Officers without partiality or prejudice, and report to me all who do not comply with my orders and return on board at the calls hours.

" 25th No officer is to absent out of the Ship at night without my consent being first obtained

" 12th No Seaman, Ordinary Seaman Landsman, Boys, will be allowed to go on shore, with leave of absence without my permission

(All Servants are strictly forbid this rule, and will be under the direction of the officer they belong to.)

" 23rd Whenever all hands are called no person is to be taken from his station from the Capstan or fifes but

" 24th The First Lieutenant will muster the Ship's Company by the necessary officers to the

Oct. Watches at sea or in Harbour is to visit the Ship throughout every Forenoon to see that the Pitts, Cockpits, Wings, Store-rooms & passages &c are clear, clean and in a proper condition, & report the same to the Commander.

" 25th. The Birth-deck is to be cleared every forenoon, and fires to be made on it, when necessary, under the care of the Master at Arms: Cartridges are to be placed and the people not admitted below when cleaned.

The Cockpit is to be cleared whenever the Tiller Lashes are, as are also the Ladders, Gratings, Port-Sills, Combings, Hatchways, Store-rooms, passages, &c.

" 26th. The officers are required to see that the men do not take their best Cloths, and when employed in washing Decks, they are directed to make them pull off their Shoes and Stockings & tuck up their Trowsers

" 27th. The Cockpit & Birth-deck is to be visited occasionally by the Master at Arms during the day, and once at least each watch by a Midshipman, who are to observe

Oct. any deviation from the general orders.
and if any lights are discovered but
what are allowed, or improper persons from
them to report the same to the officer of
the Watch.

" 28th. The Warrant Officers & Petty
Officers lights to be extinguished at 9
O'Clock at sea, and at 10 O'Clock in port.

" 29th. No light on any account wither
at sea or in harbour are allowed to
remain unattended in any berth or Cabin
and none but in Lanthorns elsewhere.

" 30th. No smoking of tobacco is to be
allowed but at the Galley.

" 31st. In port the Commanding officer
is required to have all parties (that have
been sent on duty or else where) on board
either before 12 O'Clock: The Boats
(except on particular Services) are not
to be absented during meals, nor in any Road-
-stead after Sunset, or in any Port after
8 O'Clock.

Art. 32d Each mess is to consist of persons agreed among the Warrant & petty officers, and these as most convenient.

" 33d The men of the different messes are every month to appoint one of their messmates, and give in his name to the First Lieutenant who is to keep a list of them and see that they keep the utensils and mess utensils clean and in proper order for that space of time; such men are to be responsible to him for any neglect that may be discovered, and none but men belonging to boats when in harbour are to be exempted from this duty.

" 34th Any person finding himself ill is to make known his Complaint without loss of time to the Surgeon as no excuse for neglect of duty after that account will be received, but thro' the information of the Surgeon.

" 35th Washing days will be appointed as the weather and duty of the ship will permit, and then the things are to be dried on lines between the Fore & Main masts. & no clothes whatever must be allowed to hang

Art. hang in the rigging, on the Boats, Bow-
Ropes, or about the Deck.

" 36th. The mates & midshipmen are order'd
to sleep in Hammocks, which are to be
brought on deck, and taken down at the
same time that the Ships Companys are.

" 37th. Ten minutes will be allowed and
no more from the piping hammocks up
'till they are completely stowed, the same
time will also be allowed to take them
down and hang them up.

" 38th. The Hammocks belonging to the
people on duty are to be lashed and
taken up by the men berthed nigst them.

" 39th. The clothing and bedding of all
Run men or men supposed to be Run is to
be ordered by the Commanding officer into
the Pursers Care, a list of which is to be
taken by the officers of the Division to
which they belong.

" 40th. Fore-mast men going out the Ship on
leave are to deposite their clothes with one

Art. of their messmates. The Petty officers of the Division to which such man belongs is to satisfy himself that every thing they do not wear is left behind, and that the messmates consider themselves responsible for its safety.

" 41st. When the weather is so bad that the Hammocks cannot be stowed in the netting they are to be taken down and piled up, in such places as the Commanding Officer shall appoint.

" 42d. No Seaman or marine will be suffered to go out of the Ship on leave who shall not upon examination by his Divisional Officer, be found clean and decently dressed.

" 43d. No person is allowed to lounge in the ports, on the chains, and bibcats when on the booms; and it is strictly forbidden to throw out the ports any dirty water or dirt; but dirt of all kinds is to be taken to the head & lowered well down before it is started.

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Upon the loss of any money, clothes, bedding or other articles the Loser is immediately to make it known to the Officer of the Watch or Commanding Officer, who will take such means as appears requisite to discover the Thief.

" 5th. No man is allowed to appropriate to himself any clothes or other Articles that he may find at any time about the Ship, if he cannot find the Owner, he is to take it to the Officer on the Quarter Deck.

" 6th. It is forbidden to enter the Ship, or get out, into Boats thro' the Ports, down the sides, or any way than the Gangways or Main Ladders.

" 7th. Boats crews are commanded to obey with alacrity & punctuality the orders of the Coxswains; no excuse therefore will be received for a boat being left on shore, or for any thing being lost or damaged in a boat.

" 8th. Coxswains are strictly forbidden to take any thing whatever in their Boats

Art. Boats to carry on shore, or bring off, without permission of the Quarter deck or Officer of the Boat.

" 49th Boats are not to be left at any time without boat-keepers: they are not to be allowed in the Gang-way.

" 50th In Port a boat is to be sent on shore every evening (if necessary) to bring whoever may be on shore, which boat is to put off at Sun-set from the shore.

" 51st At sea the ships company is to be mustered every evening after 4 O'Clock at Quarters or divisions: all absentees, or men found in liquor are to be reported and proper notice taken at such time, of men who are dirty or slovenly; no long untied hair is to be allowed and clothes known not to be ragged: the people are all expected to be clean, shaved & dressed by 9 O'Clock every Sunday morning. The last Sunday of every Month is appointed as a day of General review or muster of clothes When the Officers are expected to examine

Art. very particularly into the Berths Cloathing and Bedding and to report to the Commander any deficiency that may appear.

" 52d. On Thursdays as well as on Sundays the Ships Company is expected to be clean to put on clean shirts & to shift their Hammocks

" 53d. No man is to be confined by any Officer when I am on board without my order and representation being made to me of the Crime.

" 54th The Commissioned Warrant and Petty Officers having Boys attending on them, are expected to take care that they are properly cloathed & kept clean.

" 55th Upon the return of men to the Ship who may have been absent any time & upon the receipt of any men, either as part of the Crew, Supernumeraries, or Prisoners, they are to be mustered and examined by the Surgeon and his mate, and any found ailing are to be reported immediately, their cloathes and bedding also to be aired and smoaked if necessary before they are allowed to mix with the Ships

Art. Company and at general musters & examinations. to be stopped for a week after their weight, or untill the Surgeon shall be satisfied that no injury can accrue to the health of the Ships Company from their mixing with them.

" 56th No midshipman is allowed to quit the Deck at the expiration of the Watch under pretence that there is no one to relieve him, without having made such representation to the Officer of the Watch who is to inform himself of the reason he is not relieved.

" 57th Each Officer is to take for his Division the men quartered under his command, and is to keep a list of his division and be responsible for the good order, cleanliness & sobriety of the Men stationed in it.

" 58th Boats returning from the shore are to be examined by the Master-at-Arms, and liquor found in them without permission having been obtained, to be thrown overboard, and the person or persons found guilty of bringing it to be put in Irons.

Art. 59th A book is to be kept on the Quarter-deck, in which each man's name with his leave of absence is to be entered the day of leaving; the term of it, and the day of his return.

" 60th On sundays the Ships Company are to be dressed & mustered at 10 O'Clock.

" 61st The Colours in Port, when there is no Senior officer are to be hoisted at 8 O'Clock A.M. from the first of April to the first of November, and from the first of November to the first of April at 9 O'Clock A.M. and haul them down at Sunset, they are never to be kept up in hard blowing or stormy weather.

" 62nd In going into Port, or coming out of Port, all Lieutenants & Midshipmen are to be on Deck in their respective stations to preserve silence, & carry the orders of Evolution into execution with alert and without confusion: Immediately after sails are furled the Boatswain is to square the Yards

Art. 63. The Captain will controul the Expenditures of the Gunner, & Carpenter, and every Sunday morning will require from them an Account of it, which he will examine, and after approving, sign them and deliver them to the Clerk.

" 64th When there is an alarm of Fire the Boarding Firemen, & Engine with their officers are to repair to the Quarter deck: the Boarders are to be ranged on the Starb'd side, and the Firemen with their Buckets on the Larboard: The marines with their officers are to appear on the Quarter Deck: the First Lieutenant is to repair immediately to the place from whence the alarm arose, and all officers having Store-rooms to repair to them; Each to examine those places and report with all possible haste to the Quarter Deck: The Master's mates are to proceed to examine the Cable-tiers, and report them, the Carpenters are immediately to peg the Pumps.

" 65th The Junior officer of each Mess when they have visitors or Strangers on board

but are to be responsible for their having the ship in proper time that no strange boats may be alongside, or the Silence and good order of the Night be broke through after the Watch is set.

" 66th When any Commissioned Officer is absent from the Ship by Night, if necessary in the opinion of the Commanding Officer, 2 lights are to be hoisted when the Boat is supposed to have reached the Vessel or shore when she is, that he may know that they are waiting for him.

For Warrant officers one light is to be hoisted. No lights are to be kept up for any person after Tattoo, except they are on duty.

" 67th The Commanding Officer on Deck will be held responsible for the good order of the Ship and a strict compliance with the Regulations. He is not to permit any person whatever to stand, lay or set on the Guns, Gun-carriages Hammocks, Side-ropes, Signal chests &c nor is he to do it himself, or hold any conversation

Art. invitation to duty during his Watch, which duty it is often neglected. But he is expected to direct his whole attention to the management of the Ship.

He will perceive by the 8th Art. that the weather side of the Quarter Deck is reserved for him that he may not be interrupted in his duty, and he will also be held responsible for Officers leaving the Ship on leave or duty that they comply with the order regulating their dress, and will report no Officer in a Boat or leave the Ship without they have complied with it.

" 68th Art. All boats are to be hoisted up by Tattoo, except such as are left out by my orders or permission.

" 69th Art. It is expected every Officer under my Command will conform as near as possible to the Order regulating the Uniform of the Navy, that none will assume what does not belong to the dress of his grade.

" 70th Art. A Harmony is the source from whence flows all our present happiness, when our station makes it necessary we should live and associate with a variety

Art. variety of dispositions, Allow me particularly to recommend to your strict attention the prevention of so important a point; and I do hereby request that the Senior officer present at any Contention, dispute or other cause that will in the smallest degree disturb the Harmony & Happiness of the Officers of this Ship) do make report to me without delay, prejudice or favours to the parties concerned, in order that I may check and punish the offenders, or draw a happy Conclusion the misunderstanding, which but too often arise

" 1st. The First and Second Lieutenants are never to be absent from the Ship at the same time without my Special permission, except on duty.

" 2nd. Should any person deserve punishment for Offences, the Offender or other person to whose knowledge it may come is to make Complaint to the Commanding Officer or Officers of the Watch who shall send a Boatswains mate to give him a half a Dozen with a piece of Rattling

Sheriff. But if on his opinion he desires a greater punishment the Case is to be referred to me, that a proper Example may be made of such offenders.

(Signed) Benj. W. Booth

Run Out.

The rest of the Crew
having hold of the Side Tackles, except the Captains
Loft attends the breaching, and one man to the
train tackle, run the Gun out, hauls against the
Side, keeping it in the middle of the Port
If the Enemy is a beam; but running it out
against the after part of the Port, if the Enemy
is forward of the beam and the reverse if the
Enemy is abaft the beam to give as great range
forward and aft.

Prime and cock the locks, as before;

When both Sides are manned, the men stationed
at Guns with even numbers, as 2. 4. 6. &c
remain on the Larboard Side and those of uneven
numbers, as 1. 3. 5. &c go to the Starboard Guns,
The Crew at each Gun then work their own Guns
and the Gun immediately to their right.
The 1st Captain, sponges and loades, attends to
loading their own Gun, The 2d Captain sponges
and loades, attends to loading the other,

The remaining Men first assist in firing and running in their own Gun, then Sponge, and perform the same duties at the other, continuing to change and fire them alternately. When Ordered to change from one side to the other, or from one side to both sides, or from both sides to one side, the Men are never to leave their guns, or give them in charge to any others, until they are properly loaded, run out, the Apron on and the Tuffs of the tackles, Chocked.

The strictest attention must be paid to this part of the Exercise.

No other than a single round shot, to be fired without positive Orders from the Quarter Deck.

The Officers must preserve all possible silence in their divisions, be very attentive to hear and execute the Orders from the Quarter Deck and they will be careful to see that the guns are well Aimed. taking it as a general rule to fire between the Enemys fore and Main Masts and and of the Watering [illegible]

Signed [illegible]

And shuts pan with his left hand, Cocks the lock twice, the lock string in his right hand, steps back behind the Gun bears his Weight on the right leg and steps so as to sight the Gun,

4th Point to the Object

The Men Drawing the side Tackles, point the Gun as directed by the Captain, keeping the falls in their hands until ordered to let them, The 2nd Captain blows the match and keeps ready to touch the priming at the Order.

5th Drop Tackles, Fire

The Captain firing at the same time

6th Haul Back, & Vent.

The Gun having recoiled in, must be secured there, or, if she has not, must be run in. The Captain half Cocks the lock with his right hand, and stops the Vent with his left, keeping it perfectly tight till the Gun is Sponged,

7th Sponge,

The Sponger takes the Sponge, pushes it hard against the bottom of the Gun, keeps it there, and turns it from him, then

a few times round, then draws it —

8th. Cartridge and Wads,

The first loader takes the Cartridge from the passing by, puts it in the Gun with the Wad over it, shoving it in the length of his Arm,

9th Ram Home,

The Sponger, takes the Rammer, and shoves the charge against the bottom of the Gun, with the right hand, the loader, assisting with his left. They give it, three or four, hard strokes, and being sure the charge is home, draws the rammer

10th

Shot, and Wads rounds and Grape, or rounds and double heads, as may be directed —

The second loader, gives the Shot and Wads outwards, to the first loader, who puts them into the Gun, the Sponger keeping the shot from rowling out with his hand —

11th Ram Home

The Sponger, and loader proceeds as in the 9th Order.

Exercise of Guns -

To produce Uniformity in the Exercise of the different Positions, the Officers will make use of the following Words of Command and see that none others are used

1st Cast loose the Guns. Off Officers Quarter Gunners,

The Guns are to be cast loose, tackles hooked in train bolts and the hooks secured, thus, Loose Gun bar, and match tubes on the starboard side 1st and 2nd Captains will take bolts out, priming Wires buckled on their Wrists and Leather thumb-Stalls on left thumb stopping the vent.)

2nd Elevate Ye the Guns.

The Men stationed for the purpose to handle Crowbar and handspike standing between them and the ships Side —

3rd — Prime and lock the Locks —

The Captain takes out a tube and Cartridge with his left hand, draws the tube from the Cartridge with his right, and puts it in the vent. bite of the end of the Cartridge, priming

Ship under Top Gall.t Sails & the Signal
Called all hands to "Bouy Ship
/ Watch in the Tops /

1st Order :- Hand a lee - Helm being
down in Top Gall.t Sails —

2. - Mainsail or M T Sail Haul
Aboard the after Sheets and let
go the Topsail Sheets & Tyes - using
the precaution not to Haul for-
ward the Bowlines —

3 & 4th - Reef away Main & Mizen Topsails
Let go Haul - in the act of bra-
cing) let go the Sheets
(Reef down) —

The Main & Mizen Top Sails are to be
Hoisted as Soon as Reef. and the
same with the Fore. —

ready for the reception of Officers and the Duty until dismist —

The Commanding Officer of Marines will be held responsible for the goods and Cloathing accoutrements Hammocks, Mats, Bolsters, and Utensils and also for their Clean and Soldierlike Appearance —

When the guards are Centinels and the guards are always to be Considered Sentinels, the particular directions of the Marine Officer, Nor are they to be punished by the Sea Officers. Should their Conduct render it necessary the 1st Lieutenant or Officer of the Watch Can Order them relieved and Confined making immediate report to the Officer of Marines and Commanding Officer of the Ship —

When at Sea they are to be regularly Watched and when on Watch are Considered under the immediate Orders of the Officers of the Watch, in the same manner as the Seamen the same powers to punish the Marines is given to the Marine Officer as is given to the Sea Lieutenants over the Crew —

The Commanding Officer of Marines will report daily the situation of the detachment, the Commissioned Officer of Marines must always be on Board

Given on board the U.S. Frigate Congress, Sept. 1816.

(Signed)

Charles Morris, Esq.
Captain.

Of the Steam Magazine and unlock the Same but not to open it, without Orders he is however to wait at the Station and ready to fill the Magazine with Water if he should receive such orders from the Quarter Deck -

The Gunners Mate Stationed in the Fore Magazine is at the same time to remain at the Fore Magazine Scuttle on the Birth deck, which he is to unlock but not to open on any account, unless he should receive Orders to destroy the Fore Magazine, in which case he is to effect the same by the Ways which will be supplied from the Birth Deck.

The Marines are to be drawn up on the Quarter Deck with muskets loaded and Bayonets fixt, - No person to leave his Quarters without Orders on pain of immediate and severe punishment and every posible Exertion made to prevent noise and Confusion.

Quarters.

When the Crew are called to Quarters the Officers of the Divisions are to see

Hour all the Men are present and Sober and that every thing is in perfect Order for action, which they are to Report to the Commanding Officer - during an Engagement every Exertion must be made to prevent unnecessary Noise and Confusion and the strictest attention given to Orders from the Quarter Deck.

The Carpenter is to see the Pumps rigged to sound the Pumps well often and should he discover any quantity of Water in the Hold he will immediately inform the Commanding Officer —

Awnings.

In Port the Awnings are to be Excused from Watch and all Ordinary Ships Duty. Unless otherwise particularly directed by the Commanding Officer - They are to be Extended as often as the Weather will allow which the Commanding Officer will determine

In Port the Yards are always to be Crossed and paraded shall an hour before the Colours are hoisted in the Morning, and to be kept

and their General good Conduct Warrant
They will be required to produce their
Journals on the 1st and 15th of every
Month - and at the same time a Copy of
Quarter Watch. Station Bill neatly made
out - and each keep a Copy of these
Regulations which relate immediately to
themselves and the General discipline of
the Ship.

Having devoted themselves to a Service
which will be probably as permanent
as the Nation and will rapidly increase
with its Resources it is confidently hoped
that the Gentlemen Midshipmen will studiously
endeavour to maintain that Character
and acquire such information as shall
enable them hereafter, not only to main-
tain, but to increase, the High Reputa-
tion of the American Navy - by
carefully avoiding the first, and last
steps towards intemperance, and shunning
the Society of the dissolute and idle and
gradually devoting themselves to the
acquirement of practical Skill, theore-
tical and general information

and by Cherishing the Wish to deserve the Approbation of their Country they can alone render themselves able to discharge with honor to themselves the high Stations in the Navy to which many of them are probably destined. —

Fire.

In Case of an Alarm of Fire when not in Action the Drum is immediately to beat to Quarters and the Crew are to repair to their Stations with all dispatch and await further Orders — The 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant are to visit the Place where the Fire is situated and make immediate report to the Captain, The Junior Lieutenant is to see the Cistern is filled and the Birth Deck divisions ready to assist in passing Water. — The Fire Men to form on both Gangways with buckets filled with Water, and there wait for Orders Engine to be filled rigged and ready Carpenters to rig and fetch the Pumps Boatswain, and Sailmaker to Examine the Store Rooms, and report in person

The Gunner to repair to the Scuttle

do weekly report to the Captain of the Expenditures of provisions and the Quantity of each particular Species remaining. Dispatches to be delivered to the Officer at such times only as the Captain shall direct —

Boatswain, Carpenter, Gunner & Sailmaker

are answerable for the cleanliness of their Store Rooms, and for the Expenditure of their Stores. Weekly returns of which are to be made to the 1st Lieut. they are very frequently to examine the state of every thing in their respective departments — During blowy weather when in chase, or carrying a press of sail, to report immediately should they observe any thing out of order. —

Midshipmen.

The Midshipmen are each of them

required to furnish themselves with the
Epitome, Bowditch's treatise on Navigation
and proper Side Arms for Service, When
in Charge of Boats they are to be very
attentive to their Safety, and are never
to leave them nor will this permit any
person belonging to them to leave them,
or them without previous orders or
permission from the Superior Officers
who will be held responsible for any
Desertion which may take place from them
while under their Charge.

They will on no account suffer
any person belonging to a boat to purchase
or receive any Spirituous liquors while absent
from the Ship

No Midshipman shall ever leave the
Deck at the Expiration of his Watch
until ale the Midshipmen of the
succeeding Watch are on Deck without
the special permission of the
Officer of the Watch — which
indulgence may be granted to them
as the situation of the Ship will allow

are to be kept in his possession. Which must not be opened by Candle light or without his knowledge and in the presence of one of his Mates. When he is out of the Ship they must be returned to the Lieutenant

He will attend to the Hoisting of masts and setting up rigging and will often Examine that it is in good Order.

Surgeon

The Surgeon or his first mate will always be on Board, he will cause a Written report of the sicks to be delivered to the Captain every morning at 11 o'Clock at which time he may point out to the Captain any improvement which may tend to render the Ship more Salubrious and wholsome, When punishment takes place on Board, he will attend and be ready to answer any question, respecting the prisoners health or ability to receive his punishment. The Surgeon is to have entire charge of the Sick Bay. it is to be under his immediate inspection.

He is to direct the Hammocks to be taken, and carried on deck belonging to those Men whose health will permit. He is to pay particular attention to the cleaning of the Sick berth, when the number of Sick require attending in addition to the Lob. Lobby boy, Profit will be directed to do that duty upon application to the 1st Lieutenant — One of the Mates will inspect the Cofferdam daily

Purser

The Purser is to be responsible for the Cleanliness of his Steerage rooms, which will be Inspected only on the 1st Monday in every Month at which time all persons wanting them must be furnished with a Written order from the Captain — When any Provisions are Arrayed in a State requisite to be Surveyed the Purser is to make it known to the Captain as soon as possible, that he may apply for an order to have it done

The Purser is to deliver at Sea

at, their proper Stations, he is to carry on the Duty of the Ship as is done by the 1st Lieutenant, as nothing constitutes more to the Ease of Duty, than uniformity of Execution;

The Officer of the Watch and 1st Lieutenant are to be on deck whenever the Captain or Commanding Officer are coming along side, the Officer of the Watch will be particular in marking the log and will sign the log Slate at the end of every Watch,

The Quarter Deck is never to be left without a Commissioned Officer, without particular orders from the Captain.

Junior Lieutenant

To attend particularly to the exercise of the Seamen with Small Arms, and also to inspect into the State of the Arms and accoutrements, that they are kept fit for Service and report to the Captain the 1st Monday in every month their condition in writing. The Sea Lieutenants, Masters, Mates, and Midshipmen, are to send to the Captain daily, when at Sea the Result of

this days Works and the bearing and distance of the Nearest land or Shoals.

Masters.

The Masters is requireds to pay great attention to the Stowage of the Water, provisions and ballast, and every thing that can effect the Ships trim which he will take with accuracy before the Ship proceeds to Sea, and note it in the Log Book he will also have the log lines frequently measured, and have the Log Book sent to Cabin for the Captains inspection every day at 2. P.M. in which particularly the daily Expenditures of Water and quantity remaining will be registered. The Cable and Hawser Tiers must always be Clear and Clean; and every Article of ground Tackling ready for immediate use,

At Anchor he will be particular that the Hawse is kept Clear and that there is no chafing or injury for the want of proper Service, a sufficient number of Nippers, Chafing Mats, platts, parcelling and rounding must always be provided and kept well dried, — the Keys of the Spirit room

ports open and boats absent - At Sea his first care will be to ascertain the position of all Vessels in Company and particularly that of the Commodore, and will be ready for any thing signals for any necessary Evolutions - When in port the necessary boats are to be hoisted out either before or after washing decks, yards neatly squared, rigging handsomely set, the Hammocks neatly stowed so as to be able to fight to Breakfast, when the Cutlasses are hoisted, the Boatswain is to be sent directly to square the yards and always after the Sails are furled.

He will take the Log Book to be compared with Memorandums which must always accompany them, and note them on the Log Book, after which he will have them delivered to the Officer of the Department to which they belong. The Commander to be immediately informed on the discovery of any strange Sails, lands or dangers of any description of all signals and of boats coming alongside having the Commanders of Foreign Vessels in them At Sea the Watch is to be twice mustered during its continuance and no person to go below without leave

Unlik the Whole of the Other Watch is on Deck, Lookouts are to be Stationed at Each Cat, head, Gangway, and quarter & Mid Shipmans to Examine and report every hour the State of the Bilth Lock Store Rooms and Cockpit, and hold if Open, The Carpenters mate to report the Water in the Well hourly and the Gunners mate the Situation of the Guns = When in company the greatest care is to be taken to keep the Ship in her proper Station - before day light every thing to be prepared for making all Sail, the Weather will permit and all Sails that are Set neatly and properly Set, Such as Shots Booms, Jib and Staysail halliards taut up, and no ropes are to be Suffered to hang Slack about the Ship, as nothing is more injurious to the proper appearance of a Ship of War - Hands are to be Stationed at the halliards of Sails Set, Clewlines, braces and downhauls to be kept clear - Whenever all hands are called to perform any duty the Officer of the Watch will give timely notice to the other Officers that they may all be

First Lieutenants Duty

The 1st Lieutenant is Considered as duty Officer and Excused from a regular Watch, he will attend to keeping the Quarter, Watch, and all other Station bills, at all times compleate, and copies disposed upon the Cabin bulk head, when they can be readily perused by the Ships Company; he will daily Examine the Ship throughout and report her Clean for the Captains inspection at 11 A.M. he will See that all regulations are strictly observed and all Orders promptly and faithfully executed he will carefully attend to keeping the Ship at all times in the most compleate readiness for Action or any other Service, which may be required from a Ship of War and he will Consider himself responsible for any neglect or deficiency which has not been reported to the Captain; he will under the directions of the Captain superintend the Expenditure of all Stores on board, Except

the Gunner, Surgeons, and Purser, and Ex-
=amine the Weekly Expenditures, he will keep
the Keys of all the Store Rooms and Cistern
with the above Exceptions, and closely inspect
into their condition frequently; he is to
require reports of the Boatswain, Gunner,
Carpenter, and Sailmaker of every thing in
their charge, at the setting of the Watch in
the Evening and half past 7. in the morning
and report to the Captain if any thing is out
of order. He is to take charge of the
Deck when all hands are called to per-
=form any particular Service, unless other-
=wise ordered at the time, and all other
Officers are required to give him every possible
Assistance in the performance of his duty

The 2nd Lieutenant is to perform the
duty of the 1st in his absence

The Officer of the Watch will before
he takes charge of the Deck inform himself
of all orders which remain Unexecuted, or
which are particularly given to him during
his watch; the State of the Ship in all parts
particularly where Sails are set, what his

Article 34th

The people are Expected to be Cleane, Shoe and dressed by 10 Oclock on Every Sunday morning, When they will be mustered by the Officers in their different divisions who will Examine them for General Musters at 1/2 past 10 A.M.

Article 35th

Any person finding himself ill is to make Complaint without loss of time to the Surgeon, as no Excuse for neglect of duty will be received on account of illness but through the Surgeon.

Article 36th

Drunkenness and Quarrelling, being utterly Subversive of Discipline and good order, will never pass unpunish

Article 37th

Any person having any cause of Complaint against any other person

Vile make it known to the Officers
of the Watch - the 1st Lieutenant or
Captain as the Case may require

Article 38th

The Quarter Deck being considered as
a Military parade, no unbecoming or
improper behaviour is ever to be
suffered or practised upon it

Article 39th

None but those duties absolutely Necessary are to be performed on
Sundays

Article 30th

Officers of Divisions will Examine and take an account of the clothing of the men belonging to their divisions on the last day of every month and send a list of such articles as may be required for their health and comfort to the Captain immediately

The different divisions to be determined by the Wards to which the men are stationed

Article 31st

The Men of the different Messes are on every Sunday to appoint one of their Mess mates to keep the mess and utensils clean and in proper Order for the following week such Man are to be responsible to the Officer for any neglect he may discover and none but men belonging to boats when in port are to be excused from this duty.

Article 32nd

Twelve Hammocks and no more will be allowed from the time of piping up. Hammocks till they are completely

Stowed, the same time will be allowed to take them down and hang them up, the Hammocks belonging to persons absent on duty is to be lashed and taken up by persons birthed next without them; but if any outside man is absent, then the man next within him, is to perform that service.

When the Weather is so bad that the Hammocks cannot be stowed, in the nettings they are to be taken down, and stowed in such place as the commanding Officer shall direct.

Article 33d

It is strictly forbidden to throw any bones dirt, or dirty water out of the ports, but dirt of all sorts is to be taken to the Heads and lowered well down before it is hauled, — It is forbidden to enter the Ship or get into boats through the ports or down the sides, or any other way than the gangway steps or stern ladder. No men are allowed to lounge in the chains, boats, ports, or on the Booms.

but by the order of the Commanding Officer when Every precaution must be taken to prevent accidents from fire

The Gunner must always attend and the 1st Lieutenant except when they are ofsend for Duties

Article 25th

No Arms are to be sent out of the Ship but by the Captains order Nor expended without the order of the 1st Lieutenant or Captain

Article 26th

No Clothes are to be left negligently about the Decks but all packed in the Hammocks or bags. Nor are such Clothes as are found by Sweepers or others on any pretence to be appropriated to their own use but to be brought to the Quarter Decks who will direct a proper enquiry to be made for the Owner.

Article 27th

The Crew will furnish themselves with

such Clothing as may be directed from time to time as the climate and their health may require; (and they are strictly forbidden to sell exchange or convert any article without permission from the Officers of their Divisions.)

Article 28th

Washing days will be appointed as the weather, and the ships duty will allow, and the clothes are to be dried on lines stretched from Shroud to Shroud forward or such other place as the Commanding Officer shall direct — No clothes are to be hung up on any other than Washing days, except by particular leave of the 1st Lieutenant.)

Article 29th

The Clothing of all men run or suspected to have run, is to be ordered by the Commanding Officer in the Pursers Store Room a list of which is to be taken by the Officers of the division to which they belong —

Article 18th

Boats are never to be left without a boat keeper nor lay along side when not in use; but moored astern or to the swinging boom, with Grapnels out.

Article 19th

Boats coming alongside are to be searched by the master at Arms or Ships Corporals and Liquors found with them to be taken to the Officer of the Deck.

Article 20th

No shore boat, is allowed to come along side after the Watch is set in the Evening without the Commanding Officers permission: Market boats never allowed to be along side but by the Captains permission, and always searched before any intercourse with the Crew is allowed.

Article 21st

Boats Crews are commanded when their Officers are not present to obey the orders of their

Coxswains, who are strictly forbidden to carry any thing on shore without permission from the Quarter Deck +

Article 22nd

That the Boats Sails and Oars may be kept in good order, each Lieutenant who take Charge of them as follows

Launch and 2 Cutters - 1st Lieutenant - 1st & 3d Cutters - 2d Lieutenant - 2nd and 4th Cutters 3d Lieutenant - They who keep them in compleat order for Service and report any deficiency to the 1st Lieutenant.

Article 23d

Complaints of whatever kind they may be made by the Ships Company of the quality or quantity of provisions; are to be reported to the Captain, and no alteration or deviation from the Established allowance of provisions is ever to be made without the Captains immediate direction

Article 24th +

The Magazine must never be opened

Article 10th

The Officers attached to the Ship must appear in their Proper uniforms; except, absent on Furlough and never leave the Ship on duty without Side Arms.

Article 11th

Two Lieutenants Only can be absent from the Ship on leave at the same time, the first & second must always be on Board.

Article 12th

No Officer to remain out of the Ship after the Watch is set in the evening, but by the Captains permission.

Article 13th

No petty Officers, Seamen, or Marines to have permission to go on Shore without the Captains leave; and having obtained leave, the Officer of the deck must see they are clean and neat before they leave the Ship.

Article 14th

No light must ever be unattended to, in any Sail room, Store room, or birth, and none but in Lanthorns to be allowed in the Hold. Sail, or Storerooms.

Article 15th

All fires and lights on the Birth decks are to be extinguished at 8 O'Clock at night in the Winter and nine in the Summer — The lights in the steerage and Cockpit, half an hour later and no longer. Lights of the Ward room to be extinguished at 10 Oclock — When they are to be reported to the Commanding Officer.

Article 16th

No lumber of any kind must be suffered to remain on the Gun deck, but it must always be kept clear for Action.

Article 17th

No Boat except on very particular duty is to be absent at meal times, nor ever after Sunset except by the Captains permission.

Article 4th

All Officers are required to preserve the strictest silence among those under their Command; and cause their orders to be executed with the greatest celerity and without confusion.

Article 5th

As promptitude and alertness in the performance of duty, can only be acquired and perfected by continual attention; the Officers will never suffer the most trifling duty to be performed with indifference.

Article 6th

Officers are required to particularize and distinguish those men who may excel in cleanliness activity and general good conduct that the may be encouraged and endeavour to Conduct themselves with propriety

Article 7th

Officers and Petty Officers are required

to make themselves personally acquainted with the Ships company, that they may always address them by their names.

Article 8th

No person is to be Confined but by the Order of the commanding Officer.

Article 9th

As the greatest Object of punishment is to prevent the repetition of Offences, it should not only be inflicted in a public Manner but with as much Ceremony as circumstances will admit; and always proportioned to the Offence; Lieutenants are permitted to punish petty Offences, not exceeding six lashes, with a piece of nine thread Worming — Offences requiring more punishment to be always reported to the Captain — No petty Officers to be Struck but by order of the Captain

Article 10th

For the Internal Government of the U.S.
Frigate Congress. Charles Morris Esqr. Commander.

Article 1st

The laws and printed Regulations for the Government of the Navy, are to be Strictly Conformed to, by every person On Board.

Article 2nd

All Officers are required to exact from thier inferiors the most ready unequivocal And Respectful obedience to thier Orders. And it is required of all inferiors, that they do not neglect any Exterior mark of Respect When they address or are addressed by any Superiors on duty.

Article 3d

All officers are particularly enjoined to notice the Conduct of thier Inferiors, and Should they Witness Serious impropriety they Will give immediate notice to the Commanding Officer.

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